

**CITY OF SEABROOK
RESOLUTION 2016-06**

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEABROOK, TEXAS, SUPPORTING ACTION TO PURSUE STATE OF TEXAS AND FEDERAL RESTORE ACT GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATIONS OF A NATURE CENTER AT PINE GULLY PARK AND CAROTHERS COASTAL GARDENS; AND SETTING FORTH OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Seabrook, Texas (the "City") has 10.75 miles of shoreline fronting on four bodies of water; Galveston Bay, Clear Lake, Clear Creek and Taylor Lake, and these shores define Seabrook as a waterfront community and shape the character and perception of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City has a long history of supporting and building upon the amenities unique to our coastal community by Galveston Bay and Pine Gully through our Parks and Open Spaces to enhance wildlife and natural areas; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, the City acquired property along Galveston Bay at Pine Gully called Carothers Coastal Gardens with two residential buildings that were remodeled for event space leaving additional land near the shore line for future concepts to be outlined in a master plan; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the City had a Master Plan for Pine Gully Park & Carothers Coastal Garden completed that listed concepts of creating future event space with connections to existing Pine Gully trails and new parking areas, restoring shore line, adding bird watching tower, and possible addition of a kayak launch area; and

WHEREAS, the City has always supported projects that would increase ecotourism, provide wetland educational opportunities to the youth of the community, and maintain shore line preservation; and

WHEREAS, the City has partnered with the Galveston Bay Foundation for many years on preservation and educational projects along Pine Gully and would see additional facilities to expand into a new learning venue for the community a great asset for both entities; and

WHEREAS, the Nature Center could provide a learning platform in a natural setting to both Clear Creek ISD schools located within the City's limits and those just outside our limits; and

WHEREAS, the RESTORE Act presents Texans with an unprecedented opportunity to make a significant investment in protecting, restoring and sustaining the Texas coast for future generations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The City Council of the City of Seabrook fully endorses and supports every opportunity provided by the RESTORE Act to secure funding for projects that will protect and restore our coast against further environmental and economic damage while also extending new learning opportunities to future generations.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Seabrook this the 15th day of March, 2016.


Glenn Royal, Mayor

ATTEST:



Robin Hicks, TRMC
City Secretary

